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United States Senate

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Dr. Eric Coulter, Executive Director
Wayne County Community Health Center
203 E Main Street
Richmond, IN 47374

*Re: Wayne County Community Health Center application for Service Area Competition Funding –
HRSA-17-055*

Dear Dr. Coulter:

As Senator from Indiana, I consider access to quality health care for every citizen of our state a priority. Therefore, I am pleased to support the Wayne County Community Health Center (the Health Center) application for continued funding through the Service Area Competition grant program. The Health Center provides much needed primary, behavioral, and oral health care to residents in Wayne County who currently experience significant barriers to care such as transportation, cost, and access. The services provided at the Health Center are critical to the well-being of many of Wayne County's most vulnerable citizens.

The Health Center has worked diligently to deliver high quality, reliable, and compassionate care to those in need. It is in a convenient location so that those who rely on public transportation can easily travel to and from appointments. Its staff provides primary medical care, behavioral health care, assistance with transportation, interpretation and enrollment in Medicaid and the Healthcare Marketplace as appropriate.

According to the State of Indiana, more than 5,100 residents of Wayne County were members in HIP 2.0, Indiana's Medicaid program, in November, 2016. Approximately 40% of these members also received assistance through SNAP. The Health Center is a critical resource for these members, as well as those who are not eligible for these programs, but are struggling to live on limited incomes.

I encourage HRSA to favorably review this Service Area Competition to allow the Wayne County Community Health Center to continue serving the residents of the area by providing accessible, high quality health care. If you have questions, please contact my Grants Director, Marianne Black at Marianne_Black@donnelly.senate.gov or (317) 226-5555.

Sincerely,



Joe Donnelly
United States Senator